

**REMARKS**

By this Amendment, claims 1 and 3 have been amended. Accordingly, claims 1-20 are pending in the present application.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the indication of allowance of claims 14 and 17-20, and the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 1-13.

The objection to claim 16 as being a substantial duplicate of claim 15 is noted. Applicants, however, respectfully disagree. Claim 15 requires that “a length between the resonator and the stub is smaller than  $\lambda g_{\text{odd}}/2$ ” and claim 16 requires that “a length between the resonator and the stub is approximately  $\lambda g_{\text{odd}}/2$ ” (emphasis added). These two claims cover different subject matter and have a different claim scope. For example, claim 15 is directed to the embodiment shown in Fig. 9 and claim 16 is directed to the embodiment shown in Fig. 10. Each of these embodiments shows a different length between the resonator and the stub. Thus, these claims are not substantial duplicates of each other. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

The objections to claims 1 and 3 are noted. In response, claims 1 and 3 have been amended to address the Examiner’s concerns. Accordingly, withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

The rejection of claims 1-13 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph is noted. In response, claims 1 and 3 have been amended so as to be in full compliance with all §112 requirements.

Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection as it relates to claim 5. The Office Action states on page 4 that claim 5 recites “a transmission line.” Claim 5, however, recites “a transmission line connecting structure .” Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claim 5 is in full compliance with all §112 requirements, and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, favorable consideration of the amendments to claims 1 and 3, and allowance of the present application with claims 1-20 is respectfully and earnestly solicited.

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